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Second Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In advance of prosecution, please amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-16.

Please add the following new claims:

--17. Vaccine containing one or more synthetic or highly purified natural peptides or proteins as antigen(s) as well as one or more adjuvants, characterised in that it is present as a solution or emulsion which is free from inorganic salt ions or has a low concentration of inorganic ions.

18. Vaccine according to claim 17, characterised in that it is substantially free from sodium and chloride and/or free from phosphate ions.

19. Vaccine according to claim 17, characterised in that it is substantially free from all inorganic salt ions.

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